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To: Bokun, Lisa [Bokun.Lisa@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: AP INQUIRY: Houston ITC fire-water contamination question on deadline

We aren't in a position to respond for ITC in clarifying their own statements. However, TCEQ is working with EPA, the Coast Guard, and ITC's contractor to assess impacts of firefighting foam on waterways adjacent to the facility. TCEQ's contractor is sampling water from Tucker Bayou to the Houston Ship Channel and at drainage outfalls adjacent to the facility. Samples have been submitted to a certified water laboratory; however, results can take between 24 and 72 hours to be processed and finalized.

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From: Sauerhage, Maggie
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 4:20 PM
To: Bokun, Lisa <Bokun.Lisa@epa.gov>; Taheri, Diane <Taheri.Diane@epa.gov>
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Hi Lisa – just checking in to see if you figured this one out? Thanks!

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My PIO is working with the guys on site and they haven't been able to provide a firm response yet to us. Let me check further.

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Hi Lisa – just FYI, AP shared that they received a response from EPA at the scene. Do you happen to know what that was or have a response in case we get this question again? Thanks!

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Got it – we'll provide a response

From: Sauerhage, Maggie
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Importance: High

Hi Diane and Lisa – see below from the AP. Can you help respond please?

ITC has said it's finding petrochemicals from the fire in the water at Houston's Ship Channel. Can you please advise soonest what EPA is going on that _ is it aware, what kind of chemicals, is it a public health threat, is it testing or does it have test results?

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